

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 600  
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor Jimmy Rowe on retirement from the Paris Police Department and on being named Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade for "The 43rd Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry".

WHEREAS, in the course of our state's history, there have emerged those who have achieved personal success while devoting themselves, their resources and talents to enriching the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Rowe of Paris, Tennessee, is one such person. Having just retired from the Paris Police Department after 29 years, Mr. Rowe has the honored privilege of being named the Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade for "The 43rd Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry", April 26, 1996, in Paris, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a Paris policeman known for his long on-and-off-the-job public service, Sgt. Rowe is one of the organizers of the Center for Activities and Public Service in Henry County. He has spent his life furthering the cause of youth athletics in Paris, working with community basketball, baseball and football programs; he is best known for his work as a coordinator and coach of the Golden Gloves Youth boxing program. Mr. Rowe was also Scoutmaster to Boy Scout Troop 106 in the late 1960s and became involved with Explorer posts in the 70s; and

WHEREAS, the first African American policeman in Paris, Sgt. Rowe was recruited by City Manager Mose Keenan and Police Chief Tip Bowden. Sgt. Rowe became a role model and

opened the door for minority and female officers. Having rose to the rank of Corporal in 1975, Rowe was named sergeant in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Rowe was named as one of the Outstanding Young Men in America in 1977. In 1987, he was honored with the E. Harper Johnson Human Relations Award. The award is presented to laymen by the Tennessee Education Association for dedicated and sacrificial public service to their profession and community. He was the first local person to be so honored; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his other public service work, Rowe was honored for his efforts to teach bike safety in schools and self-defense to women, senior citizens, and police officers in Paris and other cities; and

WHEREAS, another facet of Rowe's life is horses. He estimates he and his son Dwaine have trained between 300 and 500 quarter horses and thoroughbreds through the years for themselves and others at their Hillside Training Farm. Between 1973 and 1977, the duo amassed more than 650 trophies and 1,000 ribbons; and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Rowe's influence on the community became apparent when nearly \$16,000 was raised during a benefit dinner and auction at Midway Auto Auction. More than 1,800 people came out to pay him tribute; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Jimmy Rowe on retirement from the Paris Police Department after 29 years of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby honor Jimmy Rowe on being named Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade for "The 43rd Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.